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Chief, [redacted] G

Chief, Inspection & Security Staff

Interrogation

F Reference is made to your memorandum of 1 November 1949 concerning the use of drugs by [redacted] for interrogation purposes and request for information to assist the authorities in this regard.

F This office has been conducting research in the use of drugs for interrogation purposes and is fully appreciative of the problem faced by the [redacted] in achieving maximum results from the use of such drugs. It has been our experience that the use of drugs is not the end unto itself in interrogation but is merely a means to develop a state of subconscious isolation. The drug is administered as a means of breaking down the individual's inhibitions and through a special technique making contact with the subconscious mind to the exclusion of conscious resistance. The success or failure after the use of drugs depends entirely on this technique of transferring the subject from a temporary drugged state into a state of subconscious isolation. This technique is not one that can be reduced to an operational instruction. For any degree of success personnel must be selected with careful consideration and trained by specialists in the use of this technique.

F This office is interested in providing [redacted] with the necessary information in the field of drug interrogation. It is recommended that employees of your staff to be assigned to the [redacted] be screened by your office and I & S to determine the individual or individuals best qualified to receive detailed training in the field of drug interrogation. The employees so selected could then be trained by I & S to a degree sufficient to obtain the desired results in drug interrogation. This information or technique can then be utilized by your [redacted] to further your relation with the [redacted] and to develop their abilities under drug interrogation to the degree and under the circumstances as determined necessary by your staff. It is our opinion that the training of your employees is the only feasible manner in making this information available to the field station. Written instructions in the use of such a technique may be misinterpreted and cause serious repercussions whereas personal training would result in a fairly high degree of success.

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